

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1861.

The spring season, poor as it will be, has fairly opened, and we are able to report the arrival of a number of whalers during the week from the Coast. The following are the arrivals for this season, up to this date:

Feby 15.—Am wh ship *Comet*, Haskell, from Marquesas, clean.

22.—Am wh ship *Congress*, Strandberg, from California coast, 300 barrels.

March 7.—Am wh ship *Sovereign*, Simmons, from Turt Bay, with 150 hds. oil on this season.

19.—Am wh ship *Reindeer*, Haynes, 2 months from New Bedford.

20.—Am wh ship *Vesper*, Bailey, from Margarita Bay, with 150 hds. oil on this season. (Shipped 500 barrels at Margarita Bay.)

22.—Am wh ship *Milton*, Hately, from Lahaina and home.

23.—Am wh ship *Josephine*, Chapman, from Hilo, 500 hds.

24.—Am wh ship *Onward*, Allen, from Lahaina and California coast, 1000 hds.—shipped oil at Margarita Bay.

25.—Am wh ship *Oliver Crocker*, Cochran, from California coast, 1000 hds.

26.—Am wh bark *Brigadier*, Turner, from Hilo, clean.

27.—Am wh bark *Alice*, Beebe, from Margarita Bay, 240 barrels.

27.—Am wh bark *Mountain*, Ormsby, from Margarita Bay, 200 barrels.

At Hilo, are reported:

March 19.—Sloop *Thomas Dickson*, Stewart, 3 months from New Bedford, 400 hds. sperm.

21.—Am wh ship *California*, West, from coast of California, 1000 hds.

At Lahaina:

March 22.—Am wh ship *Robert Edwards*, Wood, from California coast, 1500 barrels.

The reports of the *Comet* have increased; those given are even instances given higher than the actual catch. Were there a vessel here to load oil for home, several thousand barrels could be procured. We notice that the *Comet* has hauled only 500 or 600 barrels to be shipped home via San Francisco. The *Comet* will not sail until about the 16th proximo.

The whalemen are still here, and many have held on and been condemned as unseaworthy. A sale of her stores, gear, &c., took place yesterday on the wharves. The *F*, appears to be a very old ship, and would require extensive repairs to make her serviceable.

A large sale of staple English goods took place yesterday at the auction room of J. P. Everett, and though prices obtained were low, the results of the sale came fully up to expectations. In local trade, extreme distress prevails.

COPPER.—In its annual review of the copper trade, the New York *Shipping List* has some interesting remarks on the production of this article, the tenor of which is, that the annual production throughout the world is decreasing.

The extraction of copper is now carried on in a more systematic manner, and the quality of the metal is improved.

The quantity of copper produced annually is estimated at

about 1,000,000 tons, and the value of the metal produced is

estimated at \$1,000,000,000.

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